

**WG20-44**

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH  
SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006**

**The National Health Service (Wales  
Eye Care Services) Directions 2020**

*Made* 27 August 2020

*Coming into force* 28 August 2020

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 13(2)(c) and 4(c), 203(9) and (10), and 204(1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup> give the following Directions.

**Title, application and commencement**

**1.**—(1) The title of these Directions is the National Health Service (Wales Eye Care Services) Directions 2020.

(2) These Directions are given to Local Health Boards.

(3) These Directions are made on 27 August 2020, come into force on 28 August 2020 but take effect from 25 August 2020.

**Amendment to the Eye Health Examination Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016**

**2.** In paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Eye Health Examination Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016<sup>(2)</sup>—

(a) for paragraph 5.1 substitute—

“5.1. Having carried out an eye health examination of a client, an accredited practitioner must send the record of examination (Wales Eye Care Service Form (WECS1)) with a claim for payment to the SSP. The SSP must consider the WECS1 and either—

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(1) 2006 c. 42.

(2) 2016 No. 10.

- (a) accept the claim for payment contained in the WECS1 and refer it for payment to the LHB, or
  - (b) query the WECS1 with the host LHB.”, and
- (b) omit paragraph 5.1A.

**Amendment to the Low Vision Service Wales Committee (Wales) Directions 2016**

3. In paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Low Vision Service Committee (Wales) Directions 2016(1)—

- (a) for paragraph 7.1 substitute—

“7.1. Having carried out a low vision assessment of a client, an accredited practitioner must send the record of assessment to the host LHB for authorisation. If the assessment is authorised, the accredited practitioner must raise an invoice for that assessment and submit it to the SSP for payment. The SSP must consider the invoice and either—

    - (a) accept the invoice and refer it for payment to the LHB, or
    - (b) query the invoice with the host LHB.”, and
- (b) omit paragraph 7.1A.

**Revocation**

4. The National Health Service (Wales Eye Care Services payments during the COVID-19 Pandemic) (Wales) Directions 2020(2) are revoked.



Signed by Alex Slade, Deputy Director, Primary Care Division, under the authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

Dated: 27 August 2020

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(1) 2016 No. 11.  
(2) WG20-24